

# GERMANY WILL MAKE CERTAIN CONCESSIONS

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Despatches from Ambassador Gerard in Berlin Create an Air of Hopefulness.

SEEKING TO FIND A WAY

Berlin Does Not Want to Arouse Element Which Insists on Using Submarines.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Confidential despatches from Ambassador Gerard in Berlin indicate that Germany will make certain concessions to the United States in response to the note demanding the immediate abandonment of its present methods of submarine warfare.

Whether the concession will be sufficiently broad to meet the American demand appears uncertain. However officials reflected an air of hopefulness for an amicable settlement of the issue.

It is understood Ambassador Gerard has received broad intimations that the German government will go to great length to preserve friendly relations with the United States. He is understood to have gained his impressions from officials of the Berlin foreign office, including Foreign Minister von Jagow.

The Berlin government is confronted with finding a way to satisfy the United States without arousing the element which insists upon a relentless submarine campaign.

Mr. Gerard's despatches are of a highly confidential nature.

### ENGLAND'S REPLY

Is Handed to Secretary Lansing and France Will Make to Form One.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The British ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, Monday delivered to Secretary Lansing his government's reply to the American protest against interference with neutral commerce. France concurs in the main with its ally but will participate for itself on minor points. The note is a legal and technical defense of the sea policy of the two nations.

### M'COMBS DECLINES

To Serve as National Chairman or to Manage Wilson's Campaign.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—William F. Combs, chairman of the Democratic national committee, Monday notified President Wilson that he will be unable to continue in his present position after the Democratic national convention in St. Louis and will be unable to direct Mr. Wilson's campaign for re-election.

Replying to Mr. Combs's letter the president expressed regret. Fred B. Lynch, national committeeman, is expected to succeed Mr. Combs.

### MANN OBJECTS

Again and Announcement is Made That a Rule Will Be Brought In.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Another objection Monday by Republican Leader Mann to sending the army bill to conference led to an announcement by Democratic Leader Kitchin that a rule to discharge the military committee from further consideration of the bill will be brought in to-day and under it the speaker will be empowered to name House conferees at once. The objection today to the speeding up of the army bill apparently widened the breach between Republicans and Democrats.

### NAVY BILL

Carrying Almost a Quarter of a Billion Dollars for 1917 is Submitted.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The naval appropriation bill for the fiscal year 1917 framed by a House subcommittee and submitted to the committee Monday carries \$217,652,174 dollars, against \$149,656,865 appropriated for the current fiscal year. This is inclusive of public works and is on the basis of the navy department's proposed building program for 1917.

### FRENCH REPULSED.

BERLIN, April 24.—French attacks on the German line in several sectors of the Verdun region have been repulsed the war office announced Monday. The chief French effort was directed against the vicinity of Thiamont farm, but it broke down in front of the German trench.

## DEPUTY SHERIFFS NOW USING CLUBS

On the Crowds of Pickets at the Plant of the Westinghouse Concern in Pittsburg.

PITTSBURGH, April 24.—Deputy sheriffs guarding the plant of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company at East Pittsburg, where 13,000 men are on strike, used their clubs Monday morning to force a way through crowds of pickets for workmen trying to enter the shop.

The principal fighting was at the Tailor street bridge, where the pickets linked hands across the street along which the workmen passed. There was much disorder before the deputies were called, but it was said that between 2,000 and 3,000 men succeeded in getting inside the works.

One of the principal entrances is by a bridge owned jointly by the electric company and the Pennsylvania railroad. Threats to dynamite it were heard on the streets and a strong force of railroad detectives was at once scattered over the structure.

All saloons in the village were closed as a result of a conference between Burgess A. H. Snyder and the saloon men, who agreed to keep their places closed until Monday evening. This precaution was taken as this is pay day and some \$700,000 was to be distributed among the workmen.

Strike leaders declared that the trouble had spread to the plant of the Westinghouse Machine Company and fully one-half of the 3,000 men employed there were not at work. Officers of the company admitted the full force was not in the shop, but said many had been compelled to go home because not enough had reported to operate all departments.

More than a thousand strikers attended a meeting near the works at noon and listened to speakers, one of whom advised the men to arm themselves if as reported the state constabulary was to be brought in. They adopted a resolution asking Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh to keep the troopers out of East Pittsburg.

Seventy-six metal manufacturing companies, whose plants are located in Pittsburg and the surrounding boroughs, announced through a signed statement Monday that "after due consideration" they would not reduce the working hours in their respective shops.

The companies, said to employ almost 100,000 men considered the eight-hour question at a series of meetings held here last week, after the employees of a number of shops had demanded an eight-hour day, and it had become known that other demands were in preparation. Included in the list are the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, where approximately 13,000 men are already on strike and the Union Switch and Signal Company, the Westinghouse Machine Company, and the Westinghouse Air Brake Company, where efforts are being made by the electrical strikers to bring out the men.

Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, arrived here from Washington, D. C., this afternoon and conferred with a number of labor leaders relative to the eight-hour day movement in this district. Later he met representatives of the Machinists International Union, which has declared for an eight-hour day here and of the International Moulders Union, whose strike for the same concession has been in progress for some time.

Some attention will be given to the Westinghouse strike. It was stated although it was not called by the federation.

## CALL'S TEXT

As Signed by the Various Members of the Committee of New Third District.

The official call for a meeting of the Republican congressional committee of the new Third district and a convention for the selection of delegates to the national convention at Chicago is as follows:

We, the undersigned members of the congressional committee for the Third congressional district of West Virginia, do hereby call a meeting of the said committee to be held in the city of West Virginia, on Tuesday, May 2, 1916, at 1:30 p. m. for the purpose of organization and any other business that may properly come before it.

And we further hereby call a congressional convention for the Third congressional district of West Virginia, to be held in the city of West Virginia, on Tuesday, May 2, 1916, at 2 p. m., pursuant to the recommendation of the Republican state central committee made at its meeting held in the city of Parkersburg, West Virginia, on March 30, 1916, the purpose of the said congressional convention is to nominate and select two delegates and two alternates from the said Third congressional district to the national Republican convention to be held in the city of Chicago, state of Illinois, on June 7, 1916, and to cause the names of the persons so selected to be certified to the secretary of state and placed upon the Republican ballot to be voted at the primary election in West Virginia June 6, 1916. The number of delegates each county of the said Third congressional district is entitled to in said congressional district convention is as follows:

Braxton 16, Calhoun 7, Clay 7, Doddridge 10, Gilmer 5, Harrison 27, Lewis 16, Nicholas 12, Ritchie 15, Tucker 13, Webster 4.

C. W. McCally, Upshur county; Charles B. Goodwin, Lewis county; O. A. Ashburn, Doddridge county; Alf Walker, Braxton county; R. Moore Dodrill, Webster county; S. C. Denham, Harrison county; J. E. Overton, Ritchie county; J. E. Ewing, Gilmer county; W. R. Reed, Clay county; J. S. Craig, Nicholas county.

## EARTHQUAKES

As Recorded on the Seismographs of Georgetown University Very Intense.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Two severe earthquakes, one of them of great intensity, were recorded on the Georgetown University seismographs Monday morning. The heaviest shock came at 3:21 a. m. eastern time.

It was estimated by Director Tordoff that the center of the second earthquake was 2,000 miles from Washington and he believed it occurred in an inhabited zone it must have done considerable damage.

## TRIAL IS RESUMED.

Trial of the damage suit of George J. Watson against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, in which he seeks payment of \$35,000 for the loss of an arm sustained when a passenger train struck an automobile in which he was riding, was resumed in the federal court here Monday afternoon. The taking of evidence having been completed Saturday afternoon, the case was ready to be argued Tuesday morning.

## BRISTOL WOMAN TAKEN HOME.

Mrs. Mary Marsh, aged 70 years, of Bristol, who had been a patient at the Keeler hospital for the last eleven weeks, was able to be taken to her home Sunday. Mrs. Marsh had a very severe attack of appendicitis and on account of her age she was slow in recovering.

## RADCLIFF CHILD DEAD.

An infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Radcliff, of Northview, died at his home Sunday evening, following a few hours' illness. The funeral services were scheduled to be held at 3:30 o'clock Monday afternoon and the burial was in the Greenlawn cemetery.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Salvatore Demundo and Catherine Gimm and William W. Wetzel and Grace E. Wilson.

## EDGELL TO RUN.

W. N. Edgell has decided to be a candidate for the Republican nomination for the house of delegates and he filed his petition Monday.

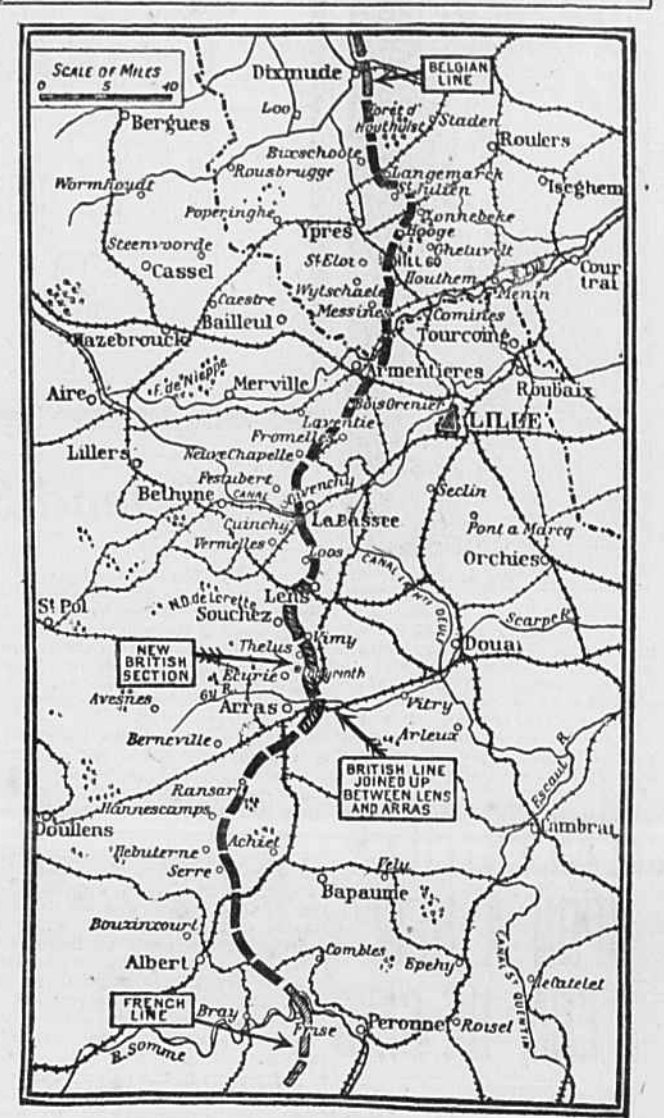
## FILE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Dr. Luther Haymond and Wilbur E. Huresey filed their announcements Monday for justice of the peace of Clark district on the Republican ticket.

## AEROPLANE DRIVEN OFF.

LONDON, April 24.—A hostile aeroplane appeared over Dover Monday morning and was attacked by British guns. It was driven off and dropped its bombs.

## BRITISH LINE IN FRANCE GROWS LONGER



British line in France from Dixmude to Frise. The British line on the western battle front is slowly lengthening. It joins the Belgian line on the north at Dixmude and the French line on the south at Frise.

## EASTER CANTATA AT INDUSTRIAL IMPRESSIVE

Fine Program is Rendered in Hammond Chapel in That Suburb.

INDUSTRIAL, April 24.—Very impressive was the Easter cantata, rendered by the Hammond Methodist Episcopal church choir at the church Sunday night. The title was "Crucifixion and Ascension." The author is Fred W. Pence. The following program was rendered:

The choir, numbering thirty, marched to their places and sang "Call to Worship."

Invocation by the pastor, the Rev. C. W. Wise.

Double quartet with chorus. Solo by Mrs. Robert Cook and chorus—"Unjust Condemnation."

Bass solo by Richard Parks and chorus.

Soprano solo by Mrs. Robert Cook. Chorus, "On the Road to Calvary." Tenor solo by Mr. Madeline. Quartet.

Announcement and offertory intermezzo.

Bass solo—"At the Sepulchre"—Charles Haroumich.

Chorus No. 12—Quartet and chorus.

Chorus No. 13.

Quartet.

Solo by Mr. Madeline and chorus. Final chorus.

Much praise is given to the director, the Rev. C. W. Wise and the pianist, Mrs. Omar Talkington, for their efficient work. At the close of the service each were presented with a beautiful lily by the choir as a token of their esteem for them. The Rev. Mr. Wise was very pleasantly surprised and with a quick response thanked the choir in his kind way.

## PROGRESS

Is Being Made in Negotiations with Turkey for a Convention of Good Will.

BERLIN, April 24.—Progress is being made in the negotiations between the Turkish government and a Roumanian delegation with regard to a convention similar to the agreement recently concluded between Germany and Roumania, says a despatch from Constantinople.

According to the Turkish newspapers "both sides are showing good will and a desire to reach an understanding which will strengthen the cordial relations existing between the two countries."

## EASTER BALL

An Easter ball will be given tonight in the colored Knights of Pythias hall on North Fourth street under the auspices of Typhon Club, No. 31 of the Daughters of Isis, colored. Special music has been arranged for and the affair will be elaborate. Everybody is cordially invited.

## TO EXECUTE LOPEZ.

EL PASO, April 24.—Public execution in the Plaza at Chihuahua City is to end the career of Pablo Lopez, the Villa bandit captured Saturday near Santa Isabel, according to passengers arriving here Monday. A similar fate awaits the three men taken with Lopez.

## BLOODHOUNDS

Sheriff Ross F. Stout's bloodhounds were put on the trail Sunday of burglars who broke into Hornor's store at Bridgeport some time during Saturday night and carried off \$50 to \$60 worth of stuff, the articles consisting of clothing and shoes for the most part. A trail was followed by the dogs, but the burglars were not located. Deputy Sheriff Laco Wolfe had charge of them.

The burglars effected an entrance by boring holes in a panel of a rear door, removing a section of the panel and working the lock and bolts through the hole so made.

## BANDIT VILLA IN MOUNTAINS

North of Parral and is Slightly Wounded and Really Not Dead at All.

## TROOPS BEING RELINED

All Mobile Detachments Are to Be Called in except Scout Duty Men.

EL PASO, April 24.—The redistribution of the American forces in Mexico as planned by Major General Funston, has been in a large measure completed, it was learned here.

The troops are now concentrated in strong units along a line of communication said to be not much more than 250 miles long. Reinforcements are also gathering at Columbus, N. M.

According to Mexicans arriving here from the interior Monday, reports have been spread that Villa is coming north again with the object of attacking the American forces. They say the bandit now has 500 followers and will be joined later by Pedro Bracamonte, of Torreon district, who has 1,500 men, and General Banuelos, whose command numbers 1,000 men.

The travelers report considerable sentiment against General Carranza and in favor of General Obregon, who has been reported as having evinced feeling against the Americans.

Twenty-three Villa prisoners are reported held by the Carranza authorities in Chihuahua City for execution. All is quiet in the city although this is largely due to numerous arrests of persons with suspected revolutionary tendencies.

## ONLY SLIGHTLY WOUNDED IS THE BANDIT, VILLA

SAN ANTONIO, April 24.—Francisco Villa, slightly wounded but not incapacitated, is reported to have moved into the mountainous region northwest of Parral. This information, which reached Major General Funston Monday, is from a source that causes him to regard it as authentic.

Villa was last reported seen at Nomaeva, about eighty-five miles by trail southwest of Satevo, where the most advanced of General Pershing's forces were Sunday.

Moves in Major General Funston's plan for a redistribution of the American troops in Mexico are being made by General J. J. Pershing, commander of the punitive expedition.

Details of the new plan have been carefully guarded by General Funston and Chief of the Army General Scott, but it was indicated that it does not provide for the running of a new main line of communication or of the establishment of a new border base. It is understood that General Pershing will be instructed to call in all mobile detachments except those doing scout duty and enter on a period of recuperation. The main line now extends as far south as San Antonio, Chihuahua, a station on the Northern railroad, a short distance west of Chihuahua City. General Pershing has his temporary headquarters at Namiquipa.

Overnight reports from General Pershing made no mention of fighting at Satevo as was reported at El Paso. Colonel W. C. Brown, Major R. L. Howe and Major Frank Tompkins are in the vicinity of Satevo, however, and it was regarded as not unlikely that the report that they had been attacked there was true.

## WARRANTS

Are Issued against Seventeen Pawnbrokers in Which Usury is the Charge.

CLEVELAND, April 24.—Warrants against seventeen Cleveland pawnbrokers were issued Monday by a justice of the peace here at the request of Walter C. Jacobs, inspector examiner for the state banking department, charging usury and violation of the so-called "Lloyd loan shark" law. The warrants marked the end of a five months' investigation of Cleveland loan shops by Jacobs and other state inspectors.

According to Jacobs, who reached here Monday from Columbus, interest charges scale up to 240 per cent and beyond, while, by law, brokers are entitled to charge only thirty-six per cent. The minimum charged here, he says, is ten per cent per month or 120 per cent per year.

## MINERS STILL OUT

Although It is Expected That An Agreement Will Soon Be Reached.

PITTSBURGH, April 24.—Twenty-four thousand coal miners who were called from the mines of the Pittsburgh Coal Company last Saturday were still out Monday, although it was expected an agreement would soon be reached between the company and officials of the United Mine Workers of America. William Diamond, statistician of the union, was delegated by John P. White to assist in the adjustment.

## MISS FREEMAN RECOVERS.

Miss Blanche Freeman, who has been a patient at the St. Mary's hospital for the last two weeks, was sufficiently recovered to be removed to her home Monday. While in the hospital Miss Freeman underwent a surgical operation.

## TRAVELING SALESMAN OUT.

T. H. Thomas, a traveling salesman who had been a patient at St. Mary's hospital for a few days following a nervous breakdown, was able to leave the hospital Monday. Mr. Thomas was taken ill while a guest at the Waldo hotel.

## FORFEIT BONDS.

The eight men arrested on charges of gambling in a police raid on a West Pike street building Saturday night forfeited their bonds of \$21.60 each when they failed to appear in police court for trial Sunday morning. The names given by the men are all fictitious.

## POWELL ANNOUNCES.

Rufus R. Powell has filed an announcement with the clerk of the circuit court that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for member of the board of education of Coal district.